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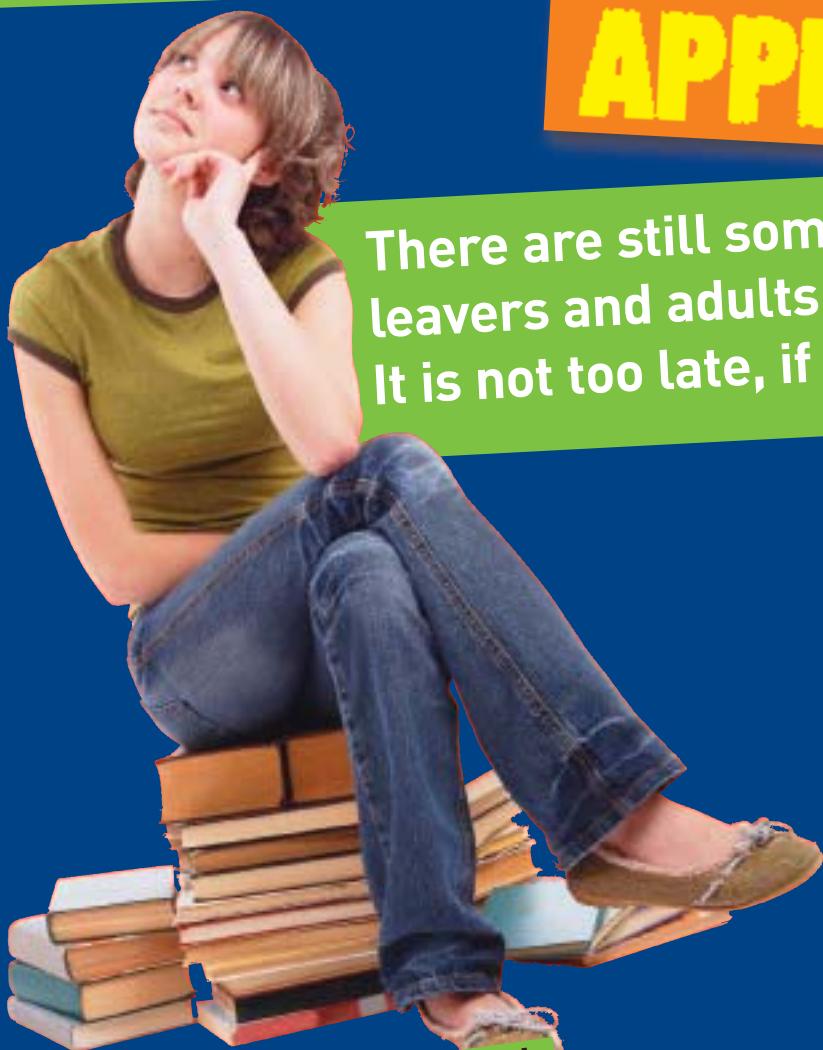
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Troy, 16

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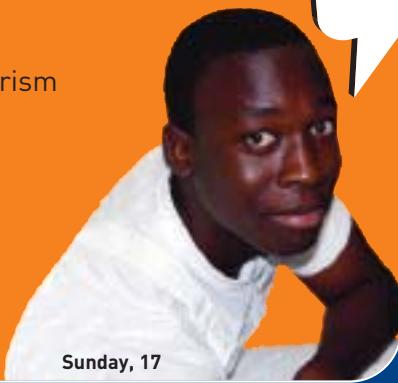


Fergus, 16

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Sunday, 17

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Natalie, 18

"I was very nervous coming to College, but the tutors are very supportive; it is an easy environment to learn in."

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Firefighters were called to the former Promis Recovery Centre in Nonnington after a fire broke out last Saturday. They were there until the following day, but on Monday another fire started, which destroyed the framework of the building. Police suspect that the first blaze may have been started deliberately.

■ BY NICK AMES

A TREATMENT centre dubbed the "Ab Fab of Rehab" because of its celebrity clients has been destroyed by two fires.

Police suspect at least one of the blazes was deliberate and are investigating the fires at the Promis Recovery Centre, in Nonnington. The centre achieved fame in the 80s and early 90s by treating personalities such as Elton John's manager John Reid and celebrity cook Clarissa Dickson Wright.

The centre prided itself on discretion under the guidance of director Dr Robin Lefever. The building is believed to be owned by the Royal Bank of Scotland after the business went into liquidation last year.

The first fire broke out last Saturday and firefighters were at the scene until the following day, but another blaze started on Monday, which destroyed much of the framework of the building, which is surrounded by trees.

A police spokesman said: "We are treating at least the first fire as arson."

It is unclear if the second fire broke out as a secondary blaze, but there is also the possibility this was also started deliberately. We are in communication with the owners about improving security."

The centre, which was in operation for 25 years, could care for 43 patients at any one time. It had a gymnasium, tennis court, facilities for volleyball, basketball and football, a cricket net, badminton court, spa pools and even a croquet lawn.

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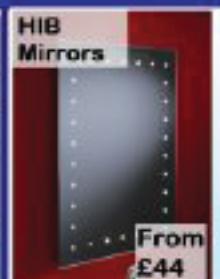
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1 UK Body Painting Festival was held in Kent, attended by artists and models from across Europe. Search 'painting'.



2 Kent Fire and Rescue Service offers free home visits to advise on safety and smoke detectors. Search 'fire'.



3 This year's Venetian Fete attracted record crowds to the banks of the Royal Military Canal in Hythe. Search 'fete'.

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FIRST CLASS: Firefighters from Deal display the stamps which pay tribute to the service

Stamps fitting tribute to our fire service

FIREFIGHTERS in Deal have helped to promote new Royal Mail stamps which pay tribute to Britain's Fire Service, whose courage and bravery saves thousands of lives every year.

They displayed large versions of four of the six stamps which were issued yesterday at their station.

Deal Fire Station Manager Rob Sherwood said: "It's a very fitting tribute for the modern-day fire service to be recognised by Royal Mail with a set of images that depict the wide range of work we carry out."

"Our fire station is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year, and we can all say that there are very few comparisons between the role of the firefighter 50 years ago with the role they fulfil today."

"Not only do the public expect that we respond to a wider range of incidents, but the job itself has become so much more skilled and complicat-

■ BY NICK AMES

ed – we are no longer just turning up to burning buildings."

"The equipment and measures we use to tackle such a wide variety of shouts are truly of an excellent standard, and we hope that the public continues to hold us in such high esteem."

Melanie Corfield, of the Royal Mail, said: "Behind the familiar sight and sound of a fire engine is the serious business of saving lives."

"These stamps highlight the courage and bravery of our firefighters and the many important aspects of the service's work."

The 1st Class stamp shows two firefighters tackling a blaze, the 54p stamp features a firefighter wearing specialist clothing and breathing apparatus to deal with a chemical incident and the 56p stamp shows firefighters using specialist equipment to free the occupants of a vehicle.

yourdeal NEWS IN BRIEF

Cable duct approved in substation scheme

A REQUEST from British Telecom for permission to put a cable duct under part of Hawkhill Freedown has been approved by Walmer Parish Council who own the land.

The project is to go ahead in conjunction with energy company EDF electricity's supply works in the area.

A resident expressed concern over the EDF scheme, but councillors considered there were no problems with the location of the substation.

Drivers can pay for parking on mobile

MOTORISTS can use their mobile phones to pay for parking in Deal under a Dover District Council plan.

It is the first such scheme operated by a local authority in Kent, and has been set up in partnership with RingGo. Drivers need to register their details and call a local number – 01304 892895 – to pay for parking.

The new book that remembers Eastry

LOCAL historian Douglas Welby has published a book entitled Eastry Photo Memories.

It contains 176 pages and 500 illustrations in an A4 format as well as a personal names index for those researching family trees.

Signed copies are available for £15 plus £4 post and packing from Douglas Welby, 35 Boystow Place, Eastry, Sandwich, Kent, CT13 0DS.

Welfare club party to mark 70th birthday

DEAL Welfare Club will celebrate its 70th anniversary in Cowdray Square from noon to 6pm on Sunday.

Events include live bands, a barbecue, bouncy castle and face and nail painting. There will also be stalls selling memorabilia and produce.

The event is being held to raise funds for the Marie Curie Cancer Care. For more details, call the organisers on 01304 374335.

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Teenager wins chance of recording contract

■ BY MARIJKE COX

A TEENAGER from Dover has wowed judges at a national music competition, beating hundreds to a place in the regional finals.

Thomas Dixon, from Alkham, sailed through the audition round of Open Mic UK after performing one of his own songs, called Victim.

The 17-year-old is now in with a chance of winning a recording contract to help launch his career into the music business.

Thomas, who attends Brockhill Park Performing Arts College, said this would be a dream come true.

"I really want to follow that path," he said. "I write all my own songs and at the audition I sang and played the guitar, which went down well with the judges."

Thomas said his music, which he describes as rock, is very meaningful and his song Victim is about bullying.

He said: "I wasn't bullied, but I was getting a bit of trouble from some people and it really made me think about what people go through."

"I think I'll perform this song in the next round, as I get a lot of good feedback from it."

"In my audition I didn't get enough time to truly show it off. In the next round we get a lot more time."

Judges on the panel included former Radio One DJ Mark Goodier and ex-Another Level heartthrob Dane Bowers.

The later stages of the competition will see artists perform to guests from record labels,



FINALIST: Thomas Dixon, 17, from Alkham, impressed judges with a song that he wrote himself about bullying

agencies and the entertainment industry.

Thomas said: "It's very exciting although I do get nervous before heading out on stage."

The youngster is no stranger to performing to live audiences and has played at local events.

"I really love singing and writing music and my family are very supportive. I just hope I can impress the judges at the next round."

The winning act will record an album and

have the opportunity to tour across the UK.

Chris Grayston, head of A&R at Future Music, said: "We are searching for an original act that has the live ability to impress an audience of over 2,000 alongside a number of industry judges and A&R associates, as well as the potential to become a recording artist."

Regional finals are on Sunday, November 8, at the Princes Hall in Aldershot.

Walkers to celebrate French link

MORE than 200 French visitors are taking part in guided walks around Dover as part of the Channel Hop programme.

The scheme has been organised by Kent County Council and its French equivalent, the Conseil Général du Pas-de-Calais.

It involves a series of events in both areas to bring the regions closer together and to celebrate the centenary of the first cross-Channel flight by Louis Bleriot in 1909.

On Sunday, September 6, visitors will meet outside Dover Town Hall at 9am for an official welcome and breakfast before embarking on one of five walks around Dover and Folkestone.

The route choices vary from a short walk along the Royal Military Canal in Hythe (1.9 miles) to a harder trek along the North Downs National Trail (nine miles).

For full information about each of the walks or to book a place visit www.kent.gov.uk/explorekent or call 08458 247600.

Each walk will have a guide and translator for points of interest along the way.

MP supports call to publish reports on local spending

MP GWYN Prosser is backing a call for more transparency in the way taxpayer's money is spent in Dover.

The Labour politician, who represents Dover and Deal, signed a House of Commons' early day motion in support of local spending reports being published to show how funds are spent locally by central and regional government agencies.

The move comes just months after the MP was criticised for his own spending of public money during the Westminster expenses scandal.

He denied any wrongdoing and defended his decision to employ his brother, who lives in Wales, to fit flooring at his home in London.

Mr Prosser signed the Sustainable Communities Act, which would see an increase in transparency on how public money is spent in communities. It also requires the government to help councils protect local services, such as post offices and pubs.

It aims to engage more people in politics by including them in deci-

sion-making where they live.

Mr Prosser said: "It has never been more important to involve people."

"The Sustainable Communities Act does just that, by putting local people in the driving seat on the action government takes to improve their communities."

He stressed that the district's residents should be able to put their ideas to government on an ongoing basis, and added that people should be able to see a breakdown of how their taxes are spent.

"I therefore support the Sustainable Communities Act Amendment Bill and will do all I can to ensure it becomes law," he said.

Officials from Local Works, a national coalition made up of organisations including Age Concern, Unison and the Public and Commercial Services Union, praised Mr Prosser.

Steve Shaw, campaign co-ordinator, said: "People want to see how their taxes are being spent."

P&O's biggest ferry nearer to launch date

ONE of two huge ships being built for P&O Ferries has moved another step closer to setting sail in Dover.

Shipbuilders in Rauma, Finland, passed a major construction milestone with the laying of its keel.

In keeping with tradition, coins were placed under the keel for good fortune at a ceremony held at the STX Europe shipyard.

The two new vessels, which will weigh 49,000 tonnes and measure 212 metres in length, will be the biggest ferries ever designed for the Dover-Calais route.

They are costing the operator £316 million, with the first being ready for service at the end of next year and the second in September 2011.

Helen Deeble, chief executive of P&O, said the ships represented an investment in P&O's continued success as market leaders in the ferry industry.

She said: "Their scale is unprecedented for the Dover-Calais route, being designed to the maximum dimensions the ports can accommodate," she said.

Publicans step out

FIVE of the district's publicans have taken part in a fancy dress walk to raise money for the Dover Lions Club.

The charity walk coincided with the weekend's Bleriot celebrations and saw landlords and their regulars walk along the seafront and back six times.

The Cinque Port Arms won first place in the individual entry and second place in the group entry for their magic theme.

The White Horse public house scooped first in the group section for their Doctor Who costumes

Man claims taunts led to brutal attack

VICIOUS drunk John Flack beat up his wife, watched by a group of children, a court was told.

Flack of Tyler Hill, Blean, repeatedly punched his wife Nicola and tried to smother her with a pillow.

Canterbury magistrates heard Flack was supposed to go to a birthday party but decided to stay at home. He was given £10 to spend on anti-depressants but spent the cash on vodka instead.

Julie Farbrace, prosecuting, said when Nicola got home, Flack slammed her against a wall and grabbed her by the throat. Later he pushed her on to a sofa and tried to smother her. One of the children called police.

Flack, 36, is already subject to a two-year community order imposed for a similar attack last year. He told police he suspected his wife was having an affair and she taunted him about it.

He admitted the attack and the case was adjourned until September 17.

Brits abroad 'an embarrassment'

MORE than eight out of ten people from Kent said in a survey they were embarrassed by the behaviour of Brits abroad.

This summer has seen reports of British revellers urinating against a historical monument in Latvia's capital Riga, and a teenager expelled from Turkey for exposing himself and swearing at a statue of the nation's founder.

Foreign Office figures published this week revealed that alcohol contributed to many of the 6,919 arrests and 3,146 hospitalisations of Britons worldwide between April 2008 and March this year.

CAMRA says no to beer in plastic cups

THE Campaign for Real Ale (CAMRA) in Kent wants to save the traditional beer glass.

The Home Office has commissioned designers to transform the traditional glass into a shatter-proof holder in an effort to combat the 5,500 reported cases of attacks where glasses and bottles are used as weapons each year.

But CAMRA regional director Kae Mendham said: "There are some very good plastic alternatives that fit in a hand the same way a glass does.

"But we would not want total coverage of plastic holders. If you stay inside the premises and drink, it should be out of a glass. It's traditional."

Working to change lives for the better



TODAY marks the beginning of a series of articles taking a behind-the-scenes look at Kent Police.

For every crime there is a victim and for every incident attended by one of our 3,640 police officers, there are repercussions that need to be addressed.

Our police officers are responsible for protecting 1.65 million people in Kent and Medway.

We intend to look behind the headlines and discover the challenges they face.

We will meet people whose lives have changed due to the drug menace and look at how Kent Police have helped rebuild their lives – and chase the menace from our streets.

We will find out how some of the £257 million a year of taxpayers' money is spent, which will help you have a greater understanding of what goes on and why Kent is one of the safest places in the UK.

We will find out some of the measures that are in place to prevent crime and discover some of the technology which is used to make all of our lives safer.

And we will give you the chance to put questions to our Chief Constable Michael Fuller, who has laid out targets for improvement over the next three years.

He said: "There have been significant improvements in our performance over the last two years, which have ensured Kent and Medway remain among the safest places in the country."

Chief Constable Fuller wants our police force to be seen as the best in Britain.

"Our ambition is not only to improve the service we deliver to residents, but to provide an unrivalled service compared to other forces."

Targets include reducing crime and anti-social behaviour and ensuring a high detection rate. A key target is to increase visibility of police officers, to see that public confidence continues to improve and to ensure victims of crime are properly dealt with.

Read our articles in the coming weeks and make your own mind up.

If there are questions you would like us to pose to the police, write to A Safer Kent, KOS Media, Apple Barn, Hythe Road, Smeeth, Ashford, TN25 6SR, or email editorial@kosmedia.co.uk.



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DEDICATED: Each policing district in Kent will have its own Neighbourhood Task Team to solve problems

Teams move in to stamp out local problems

THE full force of a drive across Kent to crack down on crime and anti-social behaviour is about to be felt.

From this week, 14 Neighbourhood Task Teams will be on the county's streets, tackling the problems residents have identified as priorities.

Kent Police first piloted the Neighbourhood Task Teams at the end of 2007 and in September 2008, the trial was extended to provide six teams across the county – one in each policing area.

They proved so successful that the number is about to increase to 14, with one team for each district and two for Medway.

Each team has a sergeant and five constables, who will provide a rapid response to community concerns.

Assistant Chief Constable Gary Beaubridge said: "Neighbourhood Task Teams have proved a great success since they were introduced, reducing crime wherever they work."

"The new ones mean each police district will have its own dedicated response team that is able to act fast when people highlight problems."

"It's part of our commitment to improve the quality of life for everyone in Kent and make our county an even better place to live."

They will go where their help is most needed, moving into an area to support local officers, tackle offenders and find long-term solutions to concerns raised by residents.

They will concentrate on some of the significant issues, such as criminal damage and anti-social behaviour.

Ann Barnes, chair of the Kent Police Authority, said: "The shift to one team per policing district is good news for residents.

"It is clear from our research that the teams are reducing crime and anti-social behaviour, with knock-on improvements to the quality of life for residents."

The force says the investment is worth every penny because of the amazing results the teams bring.

The recent use of a Neighbourhood Task Team resulted in a 26 per cent reduction in anti-social behaviour calls and a 40 per cent reduction in recorded criminal damage. The team's visit also resulted in more than 30 arrests.

A survey following their use showed 91 per cent of those questioned felt more confident in the police, compared to 73 per cent before the team arrived.

Solutions

Insp Bill Willis, who is in charge of the teams, said: "What makes us unique is that we are the only force to have these teams at a district level and with this scale of staffing."

"A team can go into an area where there is anti-social behaviour and over a period of time solve the problem and deal with offenders. It's about finding long-term solutions."

The police work with local authorities and other partners to decide where the task teams should be sent, acting in response to problems identified by local people, and they can be moved in very quickly.

Assistant Chief Constable Gary Beaubridge added: "It's a simple philosophy – You said, We did."

Speed recruiting session a big hit with employers

FIRST it was all about finding love and fast.

Now employers are following in the footsteps of speed dating with what has been dubbed 'speed recruiting'.

A training firm tried the recruitment experiment in Ramsgate recently, and as a result 11 people found employment.

In the trial saw six employers saw about 30 job applicants in five-minute interviews.

Once a job-seeker has finished one meeting they move round the room to the next employer and at the end of the session those who have made a good impression are offered a follow-up job interview.

The pioneering scheme, run by the company TNG, aims to help people who have problems getting back to work, including single parents, ex-offenders and the long-term unemployed.

All the applicants enrolled on a pre-employment training programme, run by the Ramsgate firm, which helps them to prepare CVs and approach interviews.

Among the firms at the first session were retail outlet Matalan and double-glazing company Piper Windows.

Louise Hampton, 29, from Ramsgate, found a job after three years unemployed.

She said: "It was a great experience. Now I'm working at Matalan and I love my job."

Heidi Griffin, TNG operations manager for Kent, said: "These events give our learners a chance to practise their interview techniques in real situations."

Claire Weare, store manager at Matalan said: "TNG supplied a good volume of good quality candidates.

"It saved us a lot of time scouring CVs, and making managers available for lots of interviews.

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Saturday 3rd	Sunday 25th
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Sunday 4th	Tuesday 27th
Noddy in Toyland	The Adventures of Simple Simon
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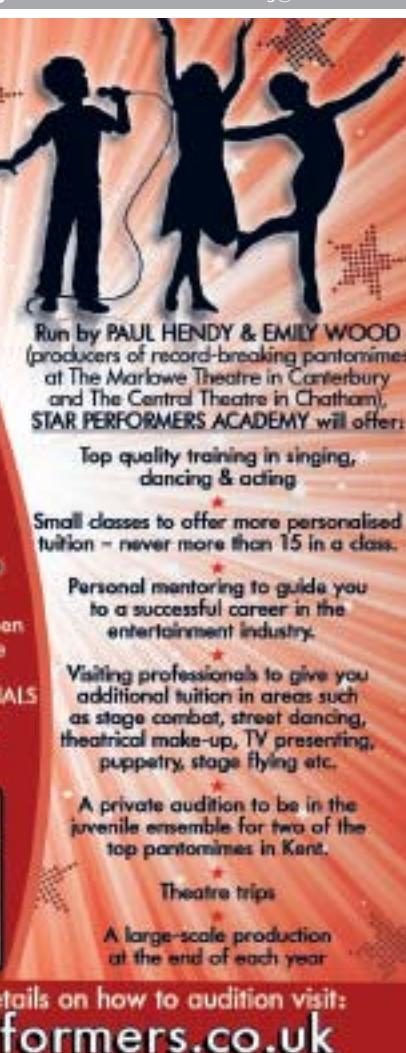
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Mon 5th	Afternoon Cite Europe	£13.00
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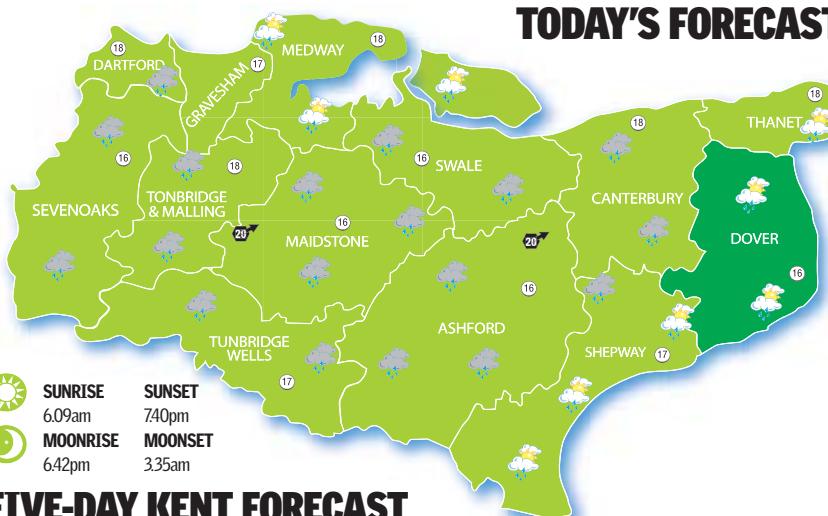
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	Sunday	2:29pm	5.8m
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	Sunday	2:26pm	5.2m

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Gibraltar	27°C	Vancouver	20°C
Hong Kong	33°C	Warsaw	20°C
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NEWS IN BRIEF

Apply for funding for your community group project

COMMUNITY groups in the Dover district are being given the chance to apply for funding to help with their projects.

Dover District Council and Kent County Council have allocated funding to the Dover District Neighbourhood Forums to give out small grants for capital projects that will benefit the community. Up to £5,000 can be awarded to groups. Closing date for applications is September 30.

For an application pack call Emma Carey, 01622 694599 or Anne Charman (Sandwich) on 01622 696389, or at www.dover.gov.uk/neighbourhoodforums/funding.asp.

Get free tubes and a clean for all your hearing aids

FREE aftercare clinics are being held for hearing aid users in Dover.

A team of advisors from charity Hi Kent will be at Dover Gateway in Castle Street on Tuesday, September 8, from 10am until noon.

A clinic is also being held on Friday, September 11, at Snowdown Court, Market Place in Aylesham, from 10am-11am.

People with NHS hearing aids can get them cleaned and re-tubed, and collect free batteries free of charge.

John Clayton, from Hi Kent, said: "There is no need to make an appointment. Just turn up and they will be seen quickly."

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Canterbury	22°C	19°C	19°C	18°C	Maidstone	22°C	19°C	19°C	19°C
Chatham	21°C	19°C	19°C	18°C	Ramsgate	22°C	19°C	19°C	19°C
Dartford	22°C	20°C	19°C	19°C	Rochester	21°C	19°C	19°C	18°C
Dover	20°C	17°C	17°C	17°C	Sevenoaks	19°C	17°C	17°C	17°C
Faversham	21°C	19°C	19°C	18°C	Sittingbourne	21°C	19°C	19°C	18°C
Folkestone	20°C	17°C	17°C	17°C	Tonbridge	21°C	19°C	18°C	19°C
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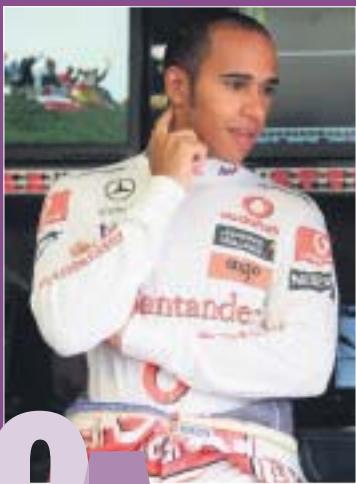
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LEWIS HAMILTON



Q & A

He will be at Brands Hatch on Sunday for the British round of the German Touring Car Championship (DTM) and today Formula One World Champion Lewis Hamilton talks about the racing and meeting his fans

Q What do you think about the DTM (the German Touring Car Championship)?

A DTM is really fantastic! I was involved with the DTM when I competed in the F3 Euro Series supporting races back in 2004 and 2005. DTM racing is always pretty exciting, and the atmosphere is open and welcoming. In 2008 I also had time to visit the DTM race at Brands Hatch and to support my Mercedes-Benz colleagues – it was a great event. The drivers get close to the fans, as they can buy tickets for the paddock. There is always something happening on and off the track, it is definitely worth coming down for the day.

Q Will the Brands Hatch Indy circuit be challenging for the DTM drivers?

A Definitely, it is a great track and they get to race 93 laps of the shorter Indy circuit. There is so much going on during a lap of the track because it is so short with so much packed into it that the drivers have no time at all to relax. I can always remember thinking the lap at Brands is over so quickly... the drivers will have to be very fit to stay focused in those hot DTM cockpits for 93 laps!

Q Have you ever raced in Formula 3 at Brands Hatch?

A I competed in a couple of races at the end of the 2003 season in the British F3 series at Brands Hatch, after I had won the Formula Renault title that year. Racing through Druids

in a F3 car was just awesome. Other sections of the track, such as when you go up the hill to Paddock Hill Bend are also fantastic, you can't see the corner and then when you plunge down-hill on the exit, you hit this enormous compression. It is unlike any other track I have raced on. When I was in the F3 Euro Series, it didn't support the DTM at Brands Hatch, which was a shame. But with the British F3 races and the three victories I took at the track in Formula Renault in 2002 and 2003.

Q Do you know any of the DTM drivers personally?

A I know all of the Mercedes-Benz drivers as we often bump into each other during the year, but of course I know the British drivers that I competed against as we came up through the ranks better. For example, I raced with Susie Stoddart in Formula Renault, we shared the podium a couple of times. When I won my first Formula 3 race in 2004 at the Norisring, I finished just ahead of Jamie Green, the year when he won the Euro Series title. Gary Paffett is my team mate at Vodafone McLaren Mercedes, so we spend a lot of time working together. I used to do fitness training sessions with the Mercedes DTM guys. We are all so competitive; whatever part of the programme we were doing, so running, cycling and so on, we all wanted to win. I can remember the first session I went to, I was so much younger than the DTM guys and was there with legends like Bernd Schneider, I could

n't believe it. But after a couple of hours, I soon found my competitive streak!

Q Which of the DTM drivers will be your favourite at Brands Hatch?

A I'll be supporting all the Mercedes-Benz DTM drivers, however a victory for a British driver in front of their home crowd would be fantastic so I'll be cheering on Paul, Jamie, Gary and Susie. I was fortunate to experience winning my home race in front of my home crowd at Silverstone in 2008, the atmosphere was something else, so it would be great to see that happen again at Brands Hatch.

Q Will you be available for the fans during the Sunday race day?

A Absolutely. Events like this give me the opportunity to spend time meeting fans and signing autographs. I am never able to sign as many as I would like, but I promise I do try! It is very important to me to have the chance to do this as the support I get from the fans is incredible and you must never take that for granted. I think I will be in the exhibition area (the paddock) for an interview on Sunday morning.

• Tickets for DTM Brands Hatch on September 4/5/6 cost from £25 for adults, children aged 12 and under is free. You will require a pit/paddock pass in order to see Lewis' interview on Sunday morning. For more information call 0870 950 9000 or visit www.dtmbrandshatch.com.



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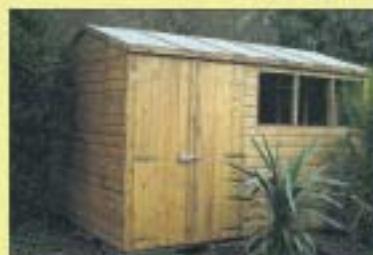
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Withnail fan Tim buys Uncle Monty's cottage



CROW CRAG: Canterbury architect Tim Ellis, inset, is the new owner of Sleddale Hall, which features in cult movie *Withnail & I*, starring Richard E Grant and Paul McGann, below

THE Cumbrian cottage which featured in cult film *Withnail & I* has been snapped up by an architect from Canterbury.

Sleddale Hall, near Shap in the Lake District, was known in the film as Crow Crag, the home of Withnail's Uncle Monty.

It has been bought by Tim Ellis, 41, a conservation architect, for an undisclosed sum.

The building, which has been unoccupied for years, was auctioned in February amid worldwide interest from potential buyers and film fans.

The gavel came down at £265,000, £100,000 more than its starting price. But the sale later



fell through and Mr Ellis was contacted to see if he would like a second chance.

"I was rather excited," he said.

Mr Ellis hopes to restore the building as a house, although details remain under wraps while talks are ongoing.

"I first saw the film seven years ago and have been a fan ever since," he said.

"I'd like to restore the building in a way fans of the film would approve of."

"There's a lot of work to be done before I can draw up firm plans, but my intention is not to deprive Sleddale's many admirers of its links with its iconic past."

The film follows Withnail, played by Richard E Grant in his first film role, and Marwood (Paul McGann) two struggling London actors who escape to the country cottage for a holiday.

Help new team put the bite on loan sharks

A COUNTYWIDE clampdown on loan sharks has failed to bring one person to court four months after it started, leading to calls for more victims to come forward.

Kent County Council's trading standards service, the South East Illegal Monday Lending Team and Kent Police joined forces to launch a campaign against loan sharks in April. Four months on there have been no arrests and the partnership is keen to break people's silence on the crime.

Cllr Mike Hill, KCC's cabinet member for communities, said: "We are desperate for information but it is extremely difficult because people are not keen to give information."

Nationally the Stop Loan Sharks project has helped 10,000 victims, written off more than £30 million of illegal debt and secured more than 50 years in prison sentences since it began.

Violence

Last month, John Kiely from Manchester was sentenced to five years for charging poor families interest rates as high as 2,237 per cent on loans. One of his victims, a woman who borrowed £700, has been left on antidepressants and was forced to leave her home because of the intimidation and violence inflicted on her and her family.

In March, Cheshire loan shark Paul Nicholson, who raped, blackmailed and threatened his victims, was jailed indefinitely.

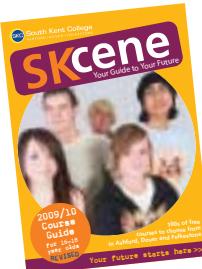
There are examples of people committing suicide because of loan sharks and the highest interest rate discovered was 117,000 per cent.

Cllr Hill said: "In desperation, rather like drug addiction, some people turn to burglary and stealing to pay back their loans."

In response to people struggling to get loans from legitimate sources due to the downturn, KCC is to launch its own credit union in October.

To report a loan shark, call Kent Police or KCC. Or call Stop Loan Shark's confidential 24/7 hotline on 0300 555 2222 and visit www.direct.gov.uk/stolopsharks.

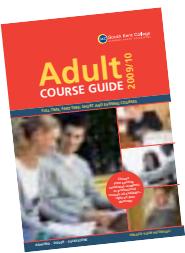
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Pupils' delight at GCSE results

■ BY MARIJKE COX

TEARS and laughter filled the district's schools on Thursday as students received their GCSE results.

Pupils gathered outside schools, clutching their certificates as they phoned parents to break the news.

Dover Grammar School for Girls was celebrating record results with 100 per cent of students gaining at least five A*-C grades including English and Maths.

Faye Wiles was particularly happy after receiving ten A* and A grades at GCSE, as well as three As at AS level.

The 16-year-old said: "I'm so pleased – I'm going to stay on here for sixth form and then go to university. It's been hard work doing AS and GCSE at the same time, but it's worth it."

Her friend Tessa Dunford, 16, also did exceptionally well with nine A* and three A grades and an A and B at AS level.

Proud

"I'm going to Welbeck Defence Sixth Form College as I want to join the RAF," she said.

"I am very excited about going. It's a coveted college so I'm proud to have got a place there."

Headteacher Judith Carlisle said she was thrilled by the sight of her students' faces when they saw their results.

"They started at the school at the same time as me and so they are a special year group for me," she said.

"Our students' success is a combination of enthusiasm, hard work and self-belief, all of which are modelled for them by the exceptional staff at the school."

"With the support of their parents too, these young women will continue to achieve a great deal."

Dover Grammar School for Boys was also



CELEBRATION: (left) Delighted Dover Grammar School for Girls pupils, and no wonder Tessa Dunford and Faye Wiles (above l-r) are all smiles after finding out they have achieved a clutch of A grades to study engineering."

Headteacher Sally Lees said she was proud of all her students.

"They achieved and exceeded challenging targets and the average points score per student of 550 equates to over 10 A grades each," she said.

"This is an outstanding achievement and I am proud of every one of our students and their teachers who worked hard to support them all."

Other schools across the district were also celebrating with students walking away with at least five A*-C GCSEs including pass grades in core subjects of maths and English.

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Student 'ghettos' target of council's clampdown

■ BY RACHEL MCATHY

COUNCIL chiefs have backed calls for landlords to face tighter planning controls in a bid to clampdown on so-called 'student ghettos'.

Planning officials at Canterbury council have supported Government proposals to dilute the problems caused by swathes of major towns being rented to students.

In a bid to calm the 'studentification' of the likes of Canterbury – home to the University of Kent and Christ Church University – the Government has proposed landlords should be forced to obtain planning permission for a wider range of properties dubbed 'houses in multiple occupation' or HMOs.

Currently, regulations only apply to houses with six people or more. Canterbury council said residents were increasingly concerned about high student numbers. Issues raised included antisocial behaviour, litter and parking. Some expressed concern about the creation of 'ghost towns' during academic holidays.

After looking at the options during consultations, the council believes regulations are not tough enough to deal with the issue.

Kim Bennett, head of development at the council, said: "There is no doubt that in Canterbury, where the problem is particularly concentrated, there is continuing public concern about the social impact in particular streets or areas."

One of the options is to change the HMO definition to apply to property with three or more occupants, who are not members of the same family. It would then fall under planning



CITY LIFE: Students bring many benefits, although parts of Canterbury have become 'ghettos', the council says

laws. This is the council's preferred option, despite the fact it cannot be applied to properties already occupied by students.

But the authority is doubtful its recommendation will be acted on.

"It is unlikely, given that such controls would apply nationally and that the evidence is the problems are concentrated in relatively small areas throughout the UK," Mr Bennett said.

The other option, and the council's fall-back choice, is to remove the requirement for HMOs to seek planning permission.

If there was then a problem locally, the power would fall to planning authorities to prevent development of such properties in particular areas. But Chris Norris, of the National Landlords' Association in the South East, said changing planning laws was not the way forward: "In Canterbury, we have a number of universities and colleges and areas of the city are particularly concentrated, so

there is the potential for problems.

"But the issue we have with the proposals is they address the property rather than the behaviour. There are better ways to tackle the behaviour of tenants, rather than slapping a status on a property," he said.

"And we doubt local authorities would be willing to allow that property to be changed back into a residential property later on. It could lead to greater housing shortages."

He said the association wanted councils to use their existing powers more effectively.

Dick Vane-Wright, of South Canterbury Residents' Association, said: "We are aware of problems in parts of the city. But one of our members, who lived on a street where there were problems, engaged with the students rather than complaining.

"They pointed out what sorts of problems the students were creating and it was very successful. We don't just need legislation – we need people to engage with their neighbours."

Record levels of debt on campus

STUDENTS starting degree courses in the county this month will be left with record level of debts totalling £24,000 by the end of their courses, according to latest research.

The figures emerged in a new survey, revealing it is now more costly than ever to enter higher education, fuelling fears that many people are being priced out of attending university. More than 2,000 students were quizzed on their financial outlay for the forthcoming years, with the average debt per year coming in at £5,000, plus £3,000 a year in tuition fees.

Kent has also emerged as one of the most expensive places in the county to study. According to latest research, Canterbury was listed within the top ten costliest cities for students. Average rents were reported as being £72 a week.

Recession

Chatham follows close behind, costing £61 a week, placing a further strain on teenagers' limited budgets. But with a background of recession, admission to universities has been overstretched, despite the costs.

With jobs at a premium, more students are keen to build up their qualifications rather than take the plunge into the employment market at such a troubled time.

President of the Students' Union at the University of Kent, Helen Wood, said the union was working hard to support its student population, which includes campuses around the county.

She said: "Debt is an issue for students and we have a lot going on at the university where we can advise people.

"There's a team of advisers at our Canterbury campus and we also run a Money Doctor service to help students with their finances. I'm certainly glad I did my university course, it had always been my ambition to study and the cost of it didn't put me off."



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Mick Neville, a Detective Chief Inspector with the Met, said for every 1,000 cameras in Britain, one crime gets solved. Just one crime.

There are a lot of cameras mind – about a million of them in London alone says DCI Neville. That works out one camera for every eight residents, which seems a little extreme.

Our government has spent half a billion pounds on CCTV, seeing it as a catch-all protector for the law-abiding majority. Our local councils – who should really be sweeping the streets and collecting rubbish – can't get enough of them either. But what's the point?

Britain is recognised around the world as being the most spied on. In London it's calculated that the average person gets filmed by 300 different cameras every day.

Wherever you are these days the chances are you are being filmed. It got out of hand about 15 years ago as too many people in

power saw CCTV cameras as a cheap and easy way to make us feel safe. In fact for most of us it doesn't do any such thing.

You see the problem is someone in a distant control room has to monitor the images... and you have to wonder what sort of person WANTS a job like that.

Over the years as a journalist I've lost count of the number of complaints to newspapers (normally from women) about cameras possibly being misused by camera operators.

And when something interesting does happen, all too often the control room misses it anyway (probably because they're gazing through bedroom windows).

I'll agree that some CCTV films can be pretty interesting (and funny), especially now they are in such good quality colour.

There are almost a dozen satellite TV channels which would probably disappear if they couldn't rely on a regular supply of CCTV footage showing ordinary people doing extraordinary things.

But for every street mugger who is spotted on town centre CCTV (and subsequently

escapes) or a car that accidentally drives through a plate glass shop window, there seems to me a tale of woe, like the homeless fella in Ashford last year who died while he was being filmed by CCTV, and no one noticed for hours.

Surely the answer is simple: Put a stop to using CCTV as a knee-jerk reaction to perceived threat, which at least one respected police officer believes doesn't work anyway, before we are stuck in a Big Brother-style state.

The spread of speed cameras at roadsides throughout the UK seems to have been halted in some areas the limitations were realised, you see not everyone's convinced they prevent crashes.

(And have you noticed how the number of fines has dropped dramatically since operators were told a year ago they couldn't keep the cash?)

So, let's reach the same clear-thinking with CCTV cameras. Use them where they are tried and tested, but give us more police officers in neighbourhoods to help prevent crime which is proven to work... and there are signs it is already happening (see page 4).

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COLDPLAY's Wembley Stadium gigs in September are already sold out, but KOS Media has a pair of tickets to ensure you don't miss out.

As part of their 2009 summer tour the band are due at the stadium on Friday and Saturday, September 18-19 in what will be the band's biggest ever UK headline shows.

It has been announced Coldplay will now be supported by Girls Aloud and Jay Z on both dates at Wembley Stadium.

The acts had previously only been booked to each play one of the two dates at the London venue, but will now share the support bill.

Coldplay's website also said London rockers White Lies would be providing additional support at both shows.

The band's UK leg of their tour begins on Saturday, September 12, in Manchester. The tour, which

began in Florida in May, finishes at Wembley Stadium with these two sold out gigs.

Coldplay announced earlier last month they would give away CDs of their new live album *LeftRightLeftRightLeft* at every remaining live show in 2009, as well as making it available as a free download from their website.

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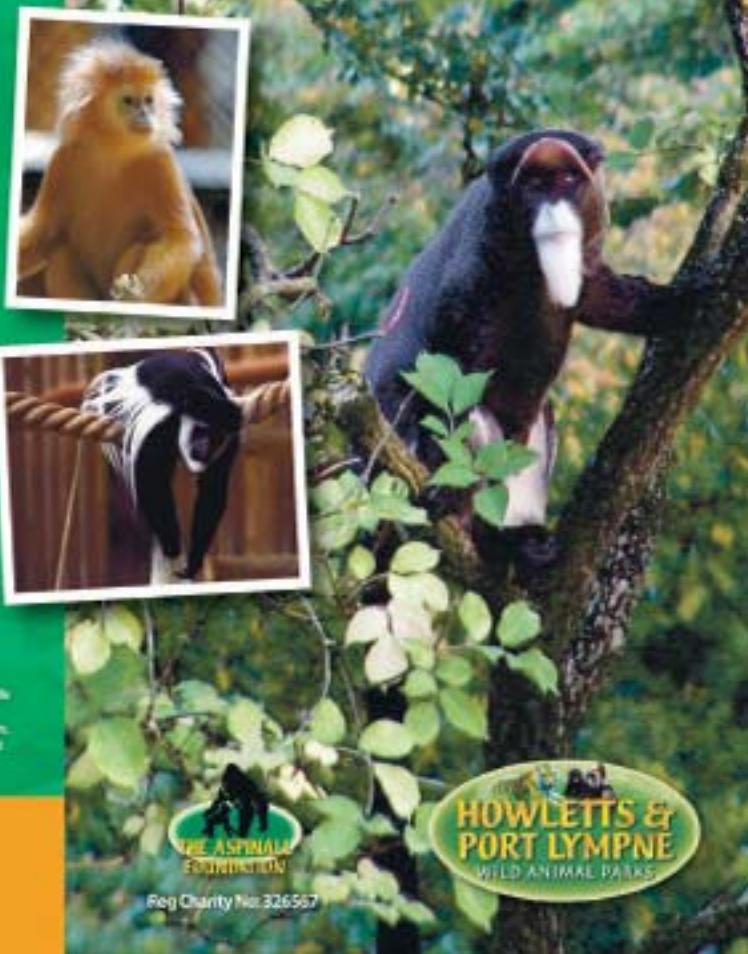
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TALK TIME

JANET CAMERON

The author talks to us about her writing career, what she enjoys most about the craft and her new writing course



Tell us about yourself.

I consider myself a writing 'hack' as I like to try many different kinds of writing. Besides local history, I write non-fiction articles and short stories for general and women's publications, the literary press and competitions. I have been writing and teaching since the late eighties, although in spring 2007, I retired from lecturing for the University of Kent to pursue other writing projects. Currently another writer, Paul Curd and I have created a project called Word Fountain responsible for running courses in creative writing in Kent. Details can be found on our website <http://wordfountain.wordpress.com>.

When and how did you get into writing?

I wrote a book about women in business in 1988, since I had first-hand experience of running a small stationery and printing business at a time when this was a male-oriented industry. I felt I had an unusual perspective on the trials of women wanting to get on in the business world – it wasn't so easy for us in those days. Shortly after I wrote a novel called *Surrogate Lover*. The two books were published within one month of each other and both were translated into other languages. It was 'beginners' luck' or so I was told. Actually, I'd been beavering away at writing for years, but no one seems to realise that.

What's the best thing about being an author?

It may sound obvious, but it's the writing itself, the actual hands-on creation of words on a page that mean something to me and hopefully to other people.

YOUR LETTERS



Let wildlife swim freely in the Dour

Well done to the Environment Agency for tackling the poaching that is undoubtedly going on along the River Dour.

The rebirth of this river has been a delight to me in recent years and I believe we should all do everything we can to ensure wildlife succeeds completely unimpeded by people looking to satisfy themselves.

I would urge everyone to report anything they see suspicious by calling the incident line on 0800 807060.

J Hargreaves, Walmer



Train of thought on mismanagement

Eurotunnel handled this incident appallingly – we checked in just



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say we could not get a train! **EssexBloke, Wanstead, Essex, comment posted on web story at www.yourdover.co.uk**

Eurotunnel decision was way off track

I can't believe this article! Everyone on the train WANTED to be evacuated, how on earth did they make the decision it was a better alternative to pull the train out causing us to all wait a further two hours rather than to evacuate the train and get us all out onto the fresh air?!

Hannah Francis, Luton, Bedfordshire, comment posted on web story at www.yourdover.co.uk

Their idea of being comfortable stinks

I'm interested that Eurotunnel define temperatures of 42 degrees, overflowing toilets, screaming kids and dogs fouling the inside of the carriages as "more comfortable".

Nick Booth, St Neots, UK, comment posted on web story at www.yourdover.co.uk

A whingers' ticket to compensation

Surely even the most infrequent traveller must accept there'll be problems with such a huge transport system. You should stop whining and accept it as a slight inconvenience. No doubt you'll all be trying to get 'compensation'.

Bill Wilkinson, Bristol, comment posted on web story at www.yourdover.co.uk



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before 9pm and were told nothing about any delay. It was not until around 11pm that we found out what was going on.

Even then there was no announcement made over the PA system – they just kept selling

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So now it's official, we have the highest rail fares in the world.

And in Kent we will not even benefit by the rail fares cut caused by the drop in inflation.

The botched privatisation of our railways has not brought the consumer benefits we were promised.

Kent's traffic congestion is a testament to the high cost of rail (and bus) fares and a general failure to cut greenhouse gas emissions.

We desperately need a new Kent Local Transport Plan to cut congestion and air pollution.

It should focus on creating a road user hierarchy – walking, cycling, buses, first to encourage more people to use their cars less.

But for a lot of journeys, cheaper rail services are essential.

More than ten years of talk by the Government about 'sustainable' transport has been accompanied by under-investment in our railways.

It is possible to move people and goods without putting more carbon into our atmosphere.

Joined-up investment is needed

from the Government, Medway Council and Kent County Council, not more roads.

Dr Hazel Dawe, chair of Kent Green Party, by email.

A healthy interest in the Great South Run

I am writing to let your readers know that we still have places in the Great South Run this year.

Taking place on October 25, the ten-mile course is suitable whether you have been running for some time or a beginner looking to take on a new challenge.

It is also a great way to raise money for World Cancer Research Fund (WCRF).

Scientists estimate that about a third of the most common cancers could be prevented by being physically active, following a healthy diet and maintaining a healthy weight.

So not only will training for and taking part in the Great South Run help you can get into the kind of habits that can reduce your own cancer risk, but the money raised will help us continue to fund research into the link between lifestyle and cancer.

If you are interested in taking part in this year's Great South Run, visit www.wcrf-uk.org/fundraising or call 0207 343 4200.

Do hurry, because places are going fast!

Natalie Tarrant, events manager for World Cancer Research Fund, by email.

Tom Berry, expedition consultant for Earthwatch, by email.

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Tarantino makes history with glourious new film

■ BY ANDY WELCH

WHEN you're a feted, cult film director like Quentin Tarantino, you can do just about anything you like – including playing fast and loose with history.

His much-hyped new movie *Inglourious Basterds*, set in Nazi-occupied France, does just that and the director/screenwriter admits he had no qualms about it.

"The way I write, there's different roads the characters could go down and when I was writing this movie, I came across some roadblocks, and one of those was history itself," he says, with a high-pitched giggle.

"I was more or less prepared to honour that until I came up against it and I go, 'No, I refuse!'. My characters don't know they're part of history – history hasn't been written yet. They don't know there's things they can't do, there's only action and reaction."

It's ballsy stuff from the man whose last effort, *Death Proof*, was widely agreed to be underwhelming, with Tarantino readily admitting that project became "derailed".

When we meet at a London hotel, he's nothing if not passionate, becoming more and more animated as he explains the most minute details of his latest movie.

He started writing the screenplay more than a decade ago, but knew it would require something of a superhuman effort to get his sprawling, intricate vision to the screen.

So the Tennessee native decided to work on other things instead, namely *Kill Bill* and the *Grindhouse* double-header with Robert Rodriguez.

When *Inglourious Basterds* was shown at the Cannes Festival earlier this year, he was



A DIRECT APPROACH: Film legend Quentin Tarantino unsurprisingly proud to finally see his hard work on screen.

The story kicks off in Nazi-occupied France, where we're introduced to the suave, charismatic, yet ultimately evil German Colonel Hans Landa (Christoph Waltz), referred to as The Jew Hunter for obvious reasons.

Don't be surprised to see relative unknown Waltz troubling each and every award ceremony come the New Year. His performance is simply outstanding.

The Basterds of the title are a ragtag assortment of Jewish American soldiers – not counting infamous German deserter Hugo Stiglitz who defects to their cause – who have only one thing on their mind: killing Nazis.

Lieutenant Aldo Raine, played brilliantly by Brad Pitt, leads the titular fighting unit, demanding nothing from his men other than inflicting terror and torture on the opposing forces. And 100 Nazi scalps from each of them.

Being a Tarantino film, several storylines cross over one another, culminating in an all-consuming finale.

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Anyone who's seen one of Tarantino's earlier films will know he's a fan of liberal violence, and *Basterds* is no different. His other trademarks are also here, most notably of all, the soundtrack, which juxtaposes the action of World War II with the Ennio Morricone-composed score of the Spaghetti Western classics.

With all his characteristic elements in place, *Inglourious Basterds* is widely deemed a return to form for the director. The final line of the film has one character saying, "I think this could be my masterpiece". Surely Tarantino wouldn't be that literal?

"I didn't have that line until it came time to say it," he says. "That's just the line he says."

"As for my masterpiece, not to be coy, but it's not for me to say."

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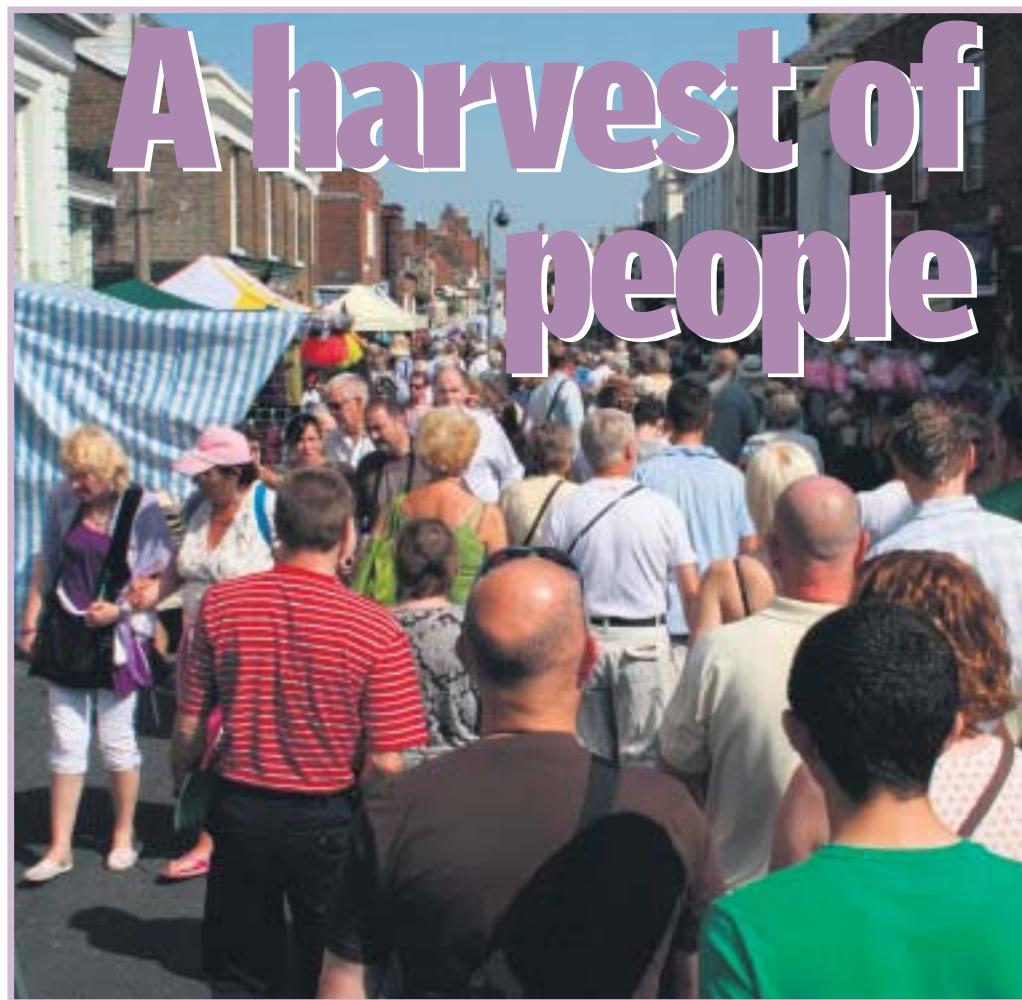
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As a celebration of the hop harvest, the festival has become an enormously popular event in Kent and attracts performers from all over the country.

A truly international festival, this year it welcomes performances by foreign acts including Belgium folk-rock band, Folia. Audiences can also look forward to festival favourites, The Blue Devils, who will be joined

by Steeleye Span's Liam Genockey on drums.

Another highlight will be The Prague Castle Orchestra, who were actually performing outside Prague's castle when asked if they would like to visit the UK.

Free music can be enjoyed on live stages and in pubs throughout the town, while Faversham's streets will be thronging with outdoor entertainers, attractions and children's activities. Shoppers might find some bargains on the many craft stalls that will line Preston Street, West Street, East Street and Market Place, selling everything from pottery and ethnic clothing to books and toys.

Organised by the Faversham Hop Festival Committee and supported by Swale council, the festival boasts live music stages in Preston Street and outside the Guildhall. People will have the chance to kick up their heels at the ceilidh, browse the craft fair at the Alexander Centre and enjoy music to please an eclectic variety of tastes.

Festival-goers can look forward to being entertained by stilt walkers and Morris sides, while the atmospheric smell of hops lingers in the air and provides an indelible connection with the area's agricultural heritage.

The event celebrates the tradition of hop picking which, in its heyday, attracted thousands of Londoners to Kent for the hop harvest.

Generations of families would often return to the same farm year after year, joining forces with local workers to create a giant agricultural workforce.

Hop pickers enjoyed a rare camaraderie as they laboured, exchanging songs and stories while they worked. The day's hard labour would be followed by drinking, music and games as they relaxed in the evenings.

Full festival listings can be found in the programmes which are available from pubs and retail outlets across the town, priced at £1.

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For one night only, Shepway dance fans will be swept along with the music as Tango Fire explores the history of this hugely popular dance form. The glamour and danger of the barrios where the tango was born, followed by its popularisation in the early dance halls, is perfectly reflected in the period duets.

The modern choreography boasts the style of a contemporary touch, while exploring the innate rawness, sophistication and sensuality of the tango.

Yanina Fajar, who appears in the show with her dance partner, Nelson Celis, choreo-



graphs the group tangos and directs the individual couple's solos.

The show starts at 7.30pm and tickets are priced from £16 to £23. To book call the box office on 0844 847 1776 or visit www.leascliffhall.org.uk.



SPEND an evening with the godfathers of high voltage rock 'n' roll when Eddie and the Hot Rods roar into Thanet.

Described as the missing link between pub rock and commercial success, the chart-topping band enjoys a strong base of new and longstanding fans. They formed in 1976 and have just completed their most successful tour of the US, where they attracted new admirers and delighted fans who have waited more than 25 years to see them play live.

Founder member Barrie Masters provides the vocals as they rock through their greatest songs, such as Do Anything You Wanna Do, Teenage Depression, Beginning of the End, 96 Tears, The Kids Are Alright, Get Out of

EDDIE AND THE HOT RODS

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Denver, Once Bitten Twice Shy and Hard Driving Man.

One of the few original pub rock circuit bands to achieve international fame, Eddie and the Hot Rods featured on an ITV documentary about the main influences of punk rock.

Special guests will be Kent band Venture South. Doors open at 7.30pm and tickets cost £10 in advance or £12 on the door. To book call 0208 761 9078 or visit www.feenstra.co.uk.

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Saturday, September 5
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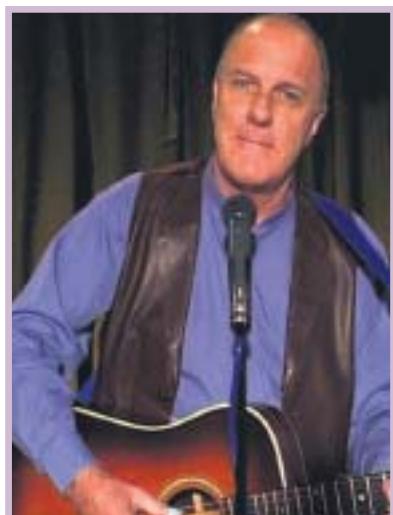
LEGENDARY comedian Richard Digance is a BAFTA-nominated artist who blends musical talent with comedic expertise.

Digance was a regular on television during the 1980s, his great songwriting skills and hilarious stories making him a favourite with viewers. In 2003 he received the Gold Award from the British Academy of Composers and Songwriters, an honour which was also presented to Sir Cliff Richard and Midge Ure.

First emerging in the 1970s, Digance supported a variety of world class music and comedy acts. These included the likes of Steve Martin, Robin Williams, Roy Orbison, The Beach Boys and many more.

His popular TV specials ran for 11 years and featured him playing guitar with, among others, Brian May and Status Quo.

Digance is the first professional entertainer to be brought to the town by Dover Live, run by John Goodwin and Gill Gough. Nearly 20 volunteers help to run the shows and keep audience costs down. Local acts Louise Orfila



and Rags to Riches will also be performing on Saturday night.

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For more information visit www.merchantnavymemorials.co.uk.

On track for a good time with Railway band

ENJOY an afternoon of free live music at the Deal Memorial Bandstand this weekend.

The Railway Swing Band will be performing a mixture of music from the great swing era at the Bandstand on Walmer Green on Sunday, starting at 2.30pm. More information about the band can be found online at www.railwayswingband.co.uk.

They're a friendly bunch of rockers in Dover

HEAR classic rock music at its very best when User Friendly perform in Dover.

More information about the five-piece band can be found online at www.userfriendlyband.co.uk. Fans can also buy copies of the band's nine-track CD from the website.

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There will be Killers sounds at the Park Inn

THE hits of great rock acts will be played live when Situation Vacant play at a pub in Dover.

The four-piece covers band plays hits by the likes of Stereophonics, Oasis, Coldplay, Pink Floyd, Killers and more. Find out more at www.situationvacant.co.uk. Situation Vacant will be at the Park Inn in Park Place on Saturday.

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Forum lines up winter gigs

■ BY SIMON ROBINSON

ON paper, the Tunbridge Wells Forum makes an unlikely venue for all things rock and roll.

First things first, The Forum is situated in well-to-do Tunbridge Wells, where the average house price costs more than the debt of a third world country.

Blood, sweat and tears indie rock doesn't sit comfortably with the area's middle-class money.

Secondly, The Forum is a thatch roof away from a rural barn.

Its hilltop location says 'weekend break' rather than gig-of-your-life.

And yet The Forum is arguably one of Kent's foremost music venues.

The likes of Green Day, Coldplay, The Libertines, Oasis, Muse, Placebo and Stereophonics are among the greats to have graced its stage.

Heck, even Toploader played there. Toploader. Remember 'Dancing in the Moonlight'? Yeah, Toploader.

The venue has lined up a number of bands



COMING TO A FORUM NEAR YOU: (Top, from left) Sonic Boom; The Holloways; (above) The Cheek

hoping to follow in the footsteps of those '90s heavyweights (Toploader excluded) and make the big time.

These hopefuls include Sheffield-based folk/pop duet Slow Club, Manchester punk/rock upstarts The Sonic Boom Six and

cheeky indie stars The Cheek.

November sees The Holloways come to town. The London quartet – famed for hits such as Two Left Feet and Generator – thought they were on the road to fame and fortune in 2007, but a label meltdown and loss of two band members derailed their efforts for a year.

Now they're back and once again hoping to take over the world with their radio-friendly sing-along indie tracks.

For more on The Forum and its winter line-up, visit www.twforum.co.uk.

LINE UP:

- Blakfish – Saturday, September 12
- Zico Chain – Friday, September 18
- Slow Club – Friday, September 25
- Sky Larkin – Friday, October 2
- Mumford and Sons – Saturday, October 3
- Sonic Boom Six with The Skints – Tuesday, October 6
- The Cheek – Friday, October 16
- You Love Her Coz She's Dead – Thursday, October 29
- The Holloways – Friday, November 6

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On Tuesday celebrity chef and Saturday Kitchen presenter, James Martin, will sign copies of his new book, My Kitchen, from 5pm. For more information call the store on 01322 624831.

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Classy Myleene drops by to launch collection

PICK up some celebrity style tips when Myleene Klass visits Bluewater.

The Marks & Spencer model is touring stores across the country to help launch the company's new Indigo Collection, a range of stylish casual wear for women.

Klass will arrive at Marks & Spencer at 10.30am tomorrow and the style session will begin at 11am.

For more information about this and other Bluewater events visit the website www.bluewater.co.uk.

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YOUR TV REVIEW

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SHOOTING STARS

BBC Two, 9pm, Wednesday

THERE was a time, about a decade ago, when everyone knew what you meant if you shouted "erano" or "ovavo" in a silly voice for no apparent reason.

You could even coo down a giant imaginary bird from the skies if you wanted and no one would bat an eyelid. But that was the 1990s and times have changed.

Funny thing is no one seems to have told Vic Reeves and Bob Mortimer that, and the pair have once again returned with Shooting Stars, the off-beat and madcap quiz show.

It gained a huge cult following when it first aired all those years ago.

Granted this is still reasonably funny, and passes half an hour of your midweek viewing rather nicely, but the formula doesn't feel quite as daring as it did back in the days when Loaded, new laddishness, Oasis and Chris Evans seemed to rule the earth.

Many of the key aspects of this show have again returned.

Vic's sleazy leg-rubbing over whichever female guest is the most attractive is back and so is Matt Lucas as George Dawes.

It's surprising he is again behind the drumkit considering the massive success he has enjoyed since first appearing as the giant manchild.

Essentially he is reprising a bit-part role, but the show wouldn't be the same without him.

They must be paying him well.

Ulrika Jonsson is a team captain once again, with eternal grump Jack Dee her opposite number.

He slots in well, in place of outgoing captain Will Self, and Johnny Vegas has also gone, which is good news as he tends to dominate any show he is



DRAB: Vic and Bob's Shooting Stars seems to have lost the spark that made it cult viewing

ever part of, whether on good comedy form or not.

It is the blonde former weathergirl who is often the butt of many jokes, though.

The catty remarks at her expense usually get the biggest laughs and it's hard not to wince at times.

I will probably watch this every so often until the end of the run, but it isn't quite so funny anymore and raises more of an occasional titter than an all-out belly-laughs.

On numerous occasions it has been brought back to the screen, but times have changed and this seems less and less mischievous with every passing year.

Vic and Bob, who I was a huge fan of through my teenage years and early 20s, still have a lot to offer – but perhaps it's time this show was put to bed once and for all.



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YOUR WEEK'S HOROSCOPE BY RUSSELL GRANT



AQUARIUS (Jan 21-Feb 19)

OVERDOING it at the gym could soon have you nursing an injury. Take it easy, especially if it's been a while since you've exerted yourself. Be ready to play second fiddle to a bossy expert. Although their attitude is annoying, you need to defer to their superior knowledge.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Aquarius** 09067-531762

TAURUS (Apr 21-May 21)

SOMEONE could lose their temper with you big time and make you really miserable. Be ready to stand up to this bully. By drawing attention to their boorish behaviour, you'll take the sting out of their criticisms. A friend could receive an award or rise.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Taurus** 09067-531753

LEO (Jul 24-Aug 23)

YOU'LL have to keep your anger a secret for a while longer. You've worked so hard to get to this point you can't jeopardise your success with a temper tantrum. Luckily, your love life is emitting sparks. Spending lots of time with the object of your affection proves a welcome distraction.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Leo** 09067-531756

SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22)

SOMEONE could try to lord their experience over you. While they may be older and wiser it doesn't mean their ideas are bigger and better. Stick to your guns. A romantic relationship could reach an exciting new phase. It feels like you're walking on air.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Scorpio** 09067-531759

PISCES (Feb 20-Mar 20)

SOMEONE close may be jealous of the love of your life. It's only natural that they want more of your time, but you need the companionship of someone special. Still, spending quality time alone with them is also important. Changing your look in some way will increase your allure.

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GEMINI (May 22-Jun 22)

GOING against your principles might put more money in your pocket, but it will put a heavy burden on your conscience. Be prepared to walk away from a deal. Somebody less capable will jump at the opportunity. Try not to feel jealous. After all, you'll be able to sleep soundly.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Gemini** 09067-531754

VIRGO (Aug 24-Sep 23)

LENDING or borrowing money could get you into lots of trouble. Don't get mixed up in other people's financial affairs. If you're having fights with your partner about spending, it's time to have a serious talk. The two of you need to build a better budget and be more resourceful.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Virgo** 09067-531757

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21)

YOU may not have the resources to help a friend. Don't feel guilty if you can't put some cash their way. After all, you have other responsibilities. Besides, you're probably not making as much as everybody else. Your income bears no reflection on your worth as an individual.

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ARIES (Mar 21-Apr 20)

TRY not to push a man too hard or you could do permanent damage to your relationship. You're better off focusing attention on spiritual pursuits. It's been a long time since you worked on a home improvement project. If you don't have any DIY experience learn from an expert.

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CANCER (Jun 23-Jul 23)

DON'T overanalyse angry feelings. It's only natural you're annoyed with someone who took advantage of you. The question is where are you going to channel these emotions? You could focus your energies on creative pursuits like music, gardening or painting.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Cancer** 09067-531755

LIBRA (Sep 24-Oct 23)

YOU'RE so polite and well mannered that others don't take you seriously. A show of aggression may be necessary to make an impression. If you have to threaten one of the more boisterous members of the group, so be it. A medical test gives you hope for the future.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Libra** 09067-531758

CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 20)

A FRIEND or business partner may be threatened by your professional progress. While it's true you've achieved a lot of success, that doesn't diminish them in your life. Take this opportunity to show appreciation for their support and encouragement.

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NOT YOUR BROWN-EYED GIRL, BUT...

Blue-eyed blonde, 27, 5ft1, loves films, walking, darts, pool, singing, me time! Looking for honest guy with GSCH, to get to know. Box 880105 **T**

YOURS AND YOURS ONLY

Attractive, down-to-earth British-Indian single mum, 29, WLTM white British male, 29-34, no lies, for long-term relationship. Box 883431

WAITING FOR YOU!

Tall curvy, cuddly female, 32, blonde with green eyes, seeks tall, white, attractive, easygoing male for fun and possibly LTR. Chatham Box 874763 **T**

IS ANYONE OUT THERE?

31yr old easygoing, independent female, WLTM cuddly female to enjoy the finer things in life with, leading to LTR with the right person. Box 789391 **T**

GIVE AND TAKE IN LOVE

Loving loyal female, 30, blue eyes, brown hair, seeking LTR with male 30-35, 5ft+, no baggage, in the Maidstone area. Box 448471 **T**

SEEKING MR Darcy

Warm, kind and sincere woman, 31, lots of love and loyalty for the right person, seeking an honest genuine man with a good heart. Box 451004 **T**

HORSES FOR COURSES...

Caring, loving, affectionate female, 30, 5ft2, blonde, likes walking, horse riding, animals, seeks affectionate male, 30-40, for lasting, loving relationship. Box 384013 **T**

A FAIRYTALE ENDING!

Princess Fiona, 34, looking to meet her Shrek, 5ft8, short brown/blonde hair, blue eyes, large build, seeks romantic caring guy for friendship, maybe more! Box 877957 **T**

GOOD LUCK CHARM

Sporty female, 34, 5ft2, likes the gym, beach walks, Tennis and cycling, WLTM similar male in 30s for friendship in Eastbourne. Box 453712

FEAST YOUR EYES ON ME...

Hello I'm Andrea, 35, petite 5ft3, shoulder length curly hair, I enjoy eating out, cinema and I'm looking for friendship and possibly long term relationship Box 453039 **T**

_SOUND GOOD?

Hello I'm 35, kind, caring and non-smoking, enjoy cooking, cinema, music, dining in and out, looking for that special someone to enjoy a relationship with. Box 447595 **T**

HAPPY DAYS!

Attractive, caring female, 31, 5ft4", size 12, dark hair with blonde highlights, facile, WLTM intelligent, professional, attractive guy, for a happy relationship. Tunbridge Wells. Box 308734 **T**

SEALED WITH A KISS

Petite lady, 36, long hair, blue eyes, single mum, enjoys holidays, wine and dining, laughing, seeks loyal, loving man for friendship and more. Box 453079 **T**

STARRY NIGHTS

Hello I'm Sarah, single mum from Kent, brown hair enjoy swimming nights in/out looking for a caring man to share the best thing in life. Box 87837 **T**

BE MINE

Honest and caring woman, 36, 5ft5, slim build, blue eyes. I'm caring, honest and have 4 children. I enjoy drives and horse riding. Maidstone. Box 456159 **T**

SOMETHING LASTING

Professional single mum, 37, own home, looking for a man for friendship, hopefully a permanent relationship. Halsham Box 455221 **T**

GALLOP AHEAD!

Maidstone-based woman, 36, 5ft5, slim build, blue eyes. I'm caring, honest and have 4 children. I enjoy drives and horse riding, and WLTM honest, reliable man, 20-30, with similar interests. Box 451311 **T**

UNDERSTAND ME

Open, honest straight girl, 37, 5ft6", slim, pale and cute. own home, searching for sensual, strong, younger man, to help me relax and enjoy life. Box 451524 **T**

SEIZE THE DAY

Loving female, 36, 5ft4, brown hair, green eyes, likes socialising, staying in, seeks genuine male for friendship and more. Box 428666 **T**

MEND A BROKEN HEART

Single mum, 37, fun-loving, been hurt in past, looking for nice, genuine guy for hopeful happiness - no time wasters! Box 980853 **T**

ETERNALLY YOURS

Easygoing woman, 42, WLTM a nice and caring man to date and be happy with. Heme Bay Box 455327 **T**

LOVE IS ALL AROUND

Happy-go-lucky, blonde Blonde, 42, blue eyes, hard-working, love outings, looking for a nice, genuine guy for relationship. Bromley Box 454517

HELLO EVERYONE!

Single dog-owner, 42, fun-loving, kind and loyal, likes meals out, weekends away, country walks. WLTM a non-smoking guy to share it all with. Box 453106 **T**

ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE

Hello, I'm Nikki, 41yr young, 5ft1, enjoys dining out, cinema and dancing, seeking a male for friendship, possible romance and fun times. Box 447936 **T**

ACTIVE TYPE

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BLOWN AWAY

Blown away blonde single mom, 39, 5ft6, likes cars, reading, pub's, nights in, having a laugh, looking for that right male for LTR. Box 905614 **T**

CUTE AS CAN BE

Cute blonde mum of 38, 3ft8, Kent-based, into most things, looking for friendship, possibly romance. Box 897983 **T**

ENTHUSIASM ENCOURAGED!

Lovely pretty big bust lady, 30, medium build, 5ft5, lots of energy! likes the gym, reading, new experiences! seeking a nice man for potential exciting relationship! Box 446724 **T**

A SOUL MATE

Black Christian girl, 39, likes country music, loving, considerate, kind and caring, looking for a like-minded man, 32-50, with a pretty inside. Box 453066 **T**

PERFECT MATCH

Hi I'm Nikki, 5ft7, brown hair, green eyes, enjoys animals especially my pets. Looking for a tall man who has a personal compatibility with mine Box 453374 **T**

TO THE STARS

Woman with a great sense of humour, I'm 40, and I like going out, astrology, writing, and socialising. How about? You? Kent area. Box 453877 **T**

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Radiant, warm, witty, intelligent, attractive lady, 44, 5ft, green eyes, travel, restaurants, the arts, theatre, with like-minded, 38-40, who's fun, cultured, solvent and kind. Box 430403 **T**

SHOULD I BE SO LUCKY

Hello, I'm Karen, 42, dark brown hair, medium build, gsoh, looking for a man with no issues and gsoh who can enjoy life with me. Box 452204 **T**

FROM THIS MOMENT

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Professional, attractive female, 54, enjoys the countryside, gardening, keeping fit, reading and live music. Box 453084 **T**

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Enjoy wading through paradise

■ BY MELANIE SMITH

AS CLEAR waves lapped over my bare feet, I couldn't help comparing the luscious white sands, whispering palms and gentle sea breezes with the drizzly England I left earlier that morning.

After a short drive from the airport, I was relaxing in the sun of Mexico's Riviera Maya at Thomson's five-star Sensatori Resort, nestled on beautiful Bahia Petempich Beach half-way between Cancun and Playa Del Carmen.

Unpacked and refreshed, I eagerly headed to the hotel's Mojito lounge, and found myself stuck for choice with an extensive menu of 31 different mouth-watering flavours.

The Sensatori concept is part of the big operators' answer to travellers who put together their own holidays online. The facilities are superb, but you only get in with a package bought from an operator.

It's certainly been carefully planned: the resort's 438 suites include air-conditioning, 32-inch plasma TVs, DVD players, hydro-jet Jacuzzis, iPod docking stations and marble bathrooms with showers.

There are 12 categories of room, including swim-up suites (allowing you to enter the pool straight from your room), honeymoon balconies with views overlooking the sea, and presidential suites.

Every age group is catered for, with lazing beds for couples, an adults-only pool with butler service, a kids' area with day care, and even a teen hangout – a club with gaming stations, internet cafe, air hockey and a disco. A kids' programme for under-fives offers all-day care and toy-lending. The resort also has a kids' clu-broom with several activity areas.



HEAVENLY: The perfect blue sea gently laps against stunning white sands at the Sensatori Resort in Mexico

Eager to experience the area, we headed to the Chikin-Ha zip line, just half-an-hour south of nearby Playa del Carmen.

Our guide Riaz, half Mayan, half American, was a fountain of knowledge with great stories about the area. Soon we were walking through the jungle towards the natural waters of the Cenotes (system of underground rivers).

Our adventure headed upwards to the jungle zip lines. Heights normally terrify me, but the beautiful scenery took over as I leapt off and sped down the line.

That evening, we visited the resort's adult-only restaurant, Le Chique, for a 14-course meal. It might sound a lot, but the gourmet dinner, accompanied by five specially-chosen wines, was served in spoonful portions – just enough to get the tastebuds going.

From a creamy truffle croquette and silver

quail to a chocolate plate and fruity dessert, every mouthful was an experience.

Next day, we flew in a six-seater plane over the jungle to see the Mayan ruins of Chichen Itza. At around £245, it might sound extravagant, but it's worth the extra pennies.

We reached the site at about 11am, ahead of the crowds. The stone pyramids are fascinating, and our guide explained the various buildings and ancient Mayan traditions.

On our last day, we caught the minibus and drove half-an-hour north to Cancun to enjoy the Jungle Tour.

After four days in this paradise, it was difficult to tear ourselves away. If you want to experience the historical sights and natural beauty of the Yucatan Peninsula, with the added bonus of pampering and luxury, the Sensatori is definitely for you.

FACT FILE: MEXICO

Time difference	-6 to -8 hours (GMT)
Capital	Mexico City
Language	Spanish
Population	About 100 million
Currency	£1 = approx 21 pesos
Religion	Roman Catholic
Climate	Temperate/tropical

Travel details

Melanie Smith was a guest of Thomson Holidays, which offers seven nights 24-hour gourmet all-inclusive at the 5* Sensatori Resort in Mexico from £800 (two adults sharing), including return flights ex-Gatwick and transfers.

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PROPERTY NEWS

Online advertising is boost to web shares

SHARES in property website Rightmove have been performing well and analysts say they expect the trend to continue.

Rightmove shares closed up 80.1 at 508p, a rise of 18.7 per cent, according to the company's half-yearly returns.

Latest figures show that pre-tax profits fell eight per cent to £18.2m, but the company is using the recession to increase market share, with sellers favouring online advertising over more traditional areas to cut costs.

The website registered 3.2 billion page impressions in the first half of the year, up three per cent on a year ago, and next month launches a £1m TV campaign.

The company said it was on course to come close to its 2008 underlying operating profit of £41m, and added it considered property prices to have "bottomed out" and that it would look to increase its prices early in 2010.

Miles Shipside, commercial director, said: "New instructions are down, and that shortage of supply has underpinned prices. Agents have cut their costs, and the downturn has meant they are reassessing where they get their value."

Ed Williams, managing director, said: he anticipated growth over the second half of the year to exceed market expectations, and hoped to achieve further growth in 2010.

63 per cent rise shown in property building

NEW house building in England has surged in recent months, with figures from the Department for Communities and Local Government showing a 63 per cent quarterly rise in new projects.

During the three months to the end of June work began on 29,980 homes, down nine per cent short when compared to the same period in 2008.

The second quarter of 2009 also saw housing completions increase 24 per cent to an estimated 39,320, compared to the March quarter, up seven per cent from last year.

Private enterprise housing starts leapt 73 per cent in the June quarter, 12 per cent lower than 2008 and completions rose 27 per cent, one per cent up on the same period last year.

On an annual basis housing starts for England continued to decline, totalling 87,190 in the 12 months to the end June, down 41 per cent year-on-year and falling 53 per cent behind the 2005/2006 peak, with 136,140 completions down 16 per cent on the previous twelve months.



'Farmyard' homes reflect county's rural heritage

HILLREED Homes is aiming for a farmyard-style environment in an exclusive community at Kings Hill, West Malling.

Partner Colin Creed has designed the new homes to appeal to astute buyers looking for something totally different.

"We are very excited about this unusual project", says Jo Richards, marketing and corporate manager at Hillreed Homes.

"One of the homes is a replica of the beautiful oast-houses which dot the villages around here, another is a bungalow called The Old Dairy, a rare find in these days when new-build bungalows have been restricted through government directives. In all there are just eleven new homes."

Hillreed Homes is currently marketing

■ BY NICK AMES

apartments from their site sales office at Greenway, Amber Lane, Kings Hill, and it is here that you can study the plans, layouts and specifications of the new homes at The Farmyard.

Mr Creed said: "It was an exciting challenge and one that I have enjoyed enormously. Over the years I have designed many of the homes we offer in our comprehensive portfolio of house designs but this one has really captured my imagination, particularly as it reflects the local vernacular and ensures that the spirit of Kent is not lost."

The Farmyard is located off the Main Square at Kings Hill, leading off Amber Lane and the properties are all within a gated community.



RURAL PROPERTIES: Clockwise from top left, Farmworkers' Cottage, The Oast-house, The Barns and The Old Dairy

Firm celebrates success of first year

PHILIP Jarvis Estate Agents is celebrating a first year of trading and says despite the gloom over the market it has made an extremely successful start.

It opened to a backdrop of recession, falling house prices and other estate agents closing all over the county, and the couple behind the company said many people questioned their sanity in opening last September.

But both Philip and Faye Jarvis, owners of the firm, never doubted their ability in making their business work and say they have enjoyed a successful first year.

Mr Jarvis said: "From the moment we opened we have bucked the trend. We sold our first property within the first few weeks and have never looked back."

"We have put the success down to a combination of strong marketing, the prominent location in The Square, in Lenham, hard work and a positive attitude."

Mr Jarvis added that despite the economic downturn the company has never given up on the property market and believes this has rubbed off on both sellers and buyers alike.

He said: "I also feel that both myself and

Faye have capitalised on what we feel is an excellent area to sell properties.

"I believe that Lenham and the surrounding area has remained a popular place to live. The fast-speed train from Ashford to London, taking only 37 minutes, further adds to the attraction of the area, which is helping the local property market."

"Furthermore, with interest rates at an all-time low, arguably there has not been a better time to move, especially up the property market with the differential in house prices not having been so small for such a long time."

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Two bedroom ground floor apartment situated in popular Sandwich location, dual aspect living room, kitchen, shower room, communal garden, off road parking, GFCH, no chain.

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Charming cottage boasting character, period features including exposed beams, floorboards and inglenook fireplace. Gfl shower room, kitchen, one spacious bedroom, pretty garden with summerhouse.

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**Sandwich £210,000**

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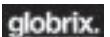
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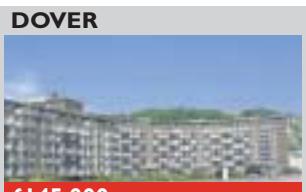
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Skoda no longer a joke

REMEMBER those old Skoda jokes? Winners like 'What do you call a Skoda with a sunroof? A skip'.

Well, they're high flying and having the last laugh at the VW-owned Czech brand after adding model No5 to the line-up – the Yeti, due in showrooms on September 17, priced from £13,750 with air con as standard.

With 4x4 looks but a more affordable and economical front-wheel drive option too, it should suit buyers attracted to off-roader styling and Skoda's high customer satisfaction and reliability ratings.



Rav has extra drive

TOYOTA'S RAV4 continues to move upmarket, but a midlife facelift for the current model has given something back to fans.

Priced from £18,995, it has gained Toyota's Optimal Drive technology, which delivers more power with lower emissions and consumption.

A front-wheel drive only economy option has also been revived, having been offered on the previous generation RAV, but axed after poor sales.

If prices are too rich, there is Toyota's more affordable junior Tonka toy, the Urban Cruiser (from £14,500), also with two or four-wheel drive.



...and Saab's new 9-5

FINALLY Saab has a new model on the market.

The embattled executive brand, now merged with supercar maker and fellow Swedes at Koenigsegg, has shown a new 9-5 flagship.

According to blurb, it "embodies a new era for Saab", though it is actually a Vauxhall Insignia underneath.

And there is the rub for a once distinctive brand: it will take time – possibly too much – for Saab to recreate its individualism after an era as just another General Motors brand. Good luck anyway.



GRAND DESIGN: The stylish Grande Punto Sporting looks set to be another winner for Italian giant Fiat, following hot on the heels of its hugely successful 500 supermini

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Giugiaro, who also created the Uno, Panda, the original VW Golf and the Alfasud amongst many others, including supercars.

A 'Giugiaro' badge on the Punto's flank rightly gives credit for a design that echoes sports cars at the front, delivers a stylish upward window line to the side – without condemning those in the back to claustrophobia – a spacious cabin and a neat yet practical rear end, with the lights raised above minor shunts.

It wears bold colours beautifully; the banana yellow test car turned heads for the right reason and was a racy 1.4 16v T-Jet 120PS (138bhp) Sporting three-door, looking good value at £12,755 with the standard Punto five-year warranty, even before discounts.

This version also delivers big bangs for modest bucks and the car's small capacity 1.4-litre turbocharged hits 60mph in under nine seconds, with good economy and emissions and there is also a 155PS Abarth version. Rather than diesels with their relatively large weight, this has to be the way forward for superminis.

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CRICKET

BY TOM HOWARD

Kent League Division One

Ashford Town 1st XI v Hythe Town 1st XI

HYTHE's back-to-back promotion hopes were dealt a blow after suffering a seven-wicket defeat to struggling Ashford Town.

The visitors won the toss and elected to bat. The opening pair of Jon Smith and Leon Morgan made a solid start for the promotion hopefuls. Ashford's bowlers took a while to settle into the game, but once Smith (66) and Morgan (30) were ousted by captain Craig Buckingham and Liam Tegg, wickets began to tumble.

Hythe's middle order struggled with Buckingham and Tegg claiming the wickets of Ben Dwyer and Dan Furnival for just six runs. Matthew Lincoln added to Ashford's attack and took the wicket of Hamish Morrison as Hythe looked in trouble at 159 for 5.

However, Hythe's innings was rescued by Jamie Hemphrey's unbeaten half-century, which took Hythe to 234 for 7 at the end of their allotted 50 overs. Tegg was the pick of the bowlers with figures of 3 for 62.

With victory within Ashford's grasp, the home side made a positive start with opener Lincoln hitting 87 from 113 balls before he was bowled by Furnival. Lincoln's innings was supported by Shannon Fattore, who chipped in with a knock of 72 to put Ashford in the driving seat.

Hythe's bowlers struggled to find the wickets they need to stay in the match, which left Ashford's Stuart Paine and Peter Shields to hit the winning runs.

Hythe's promotion bid stutters after defeat



Picture: GORRAGO

POOR SHOW: Hythe's batsmen failed to produce the runs needed as they were comprehensively beaten at Ashford on Saturday

LOCAL CRICKET ROUND-UP

KENT LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

Sandwich Town 1st XI v Folkestone 1st XI

FOLKESTONE needed just 36 overs to complete an eight-wicket thrashing of Sandwich Town.

Sandwich's day started badly with opening batsmen Craig Snell and David Scoggin dismissed for just five runs. The innings was briefly rescued by Robert Goatham's 45, but Sandwich could only post 128 for 9 from 50 overs.

With a relatively low target to surpass, Folkestone started positively with David Miles and Stuart Graham putting on 100 runs between them. Miles was the star of the show, as his unbeaten 80 helped Folkestone to victory in the 36th over.

Sandwich Town

	Runs
Craig Snell	1
David Scoggin	4
Robert Goatham	45
Vishal Singh	15
Rhys Jones	19
Tom Chapman	0
Cavin Lawrence	2
Craig Spanton	12
Alan Amos	12
Matthew van Poppel	0
Jack Bradley	6
Extras	12
Total	128
(9 wickets, 50 overs)	

Bowlers

	0	M	R	W
Michael James	15	3	29	4
Andy Bray	15	7	28	3
Thomas Cullen	15	4	35	1
Ryan Currie	4	0	20	0
Joshua Bryen	1	0	6	0

Folkestone

	Runs
David Miles	80
Stuart Graham	24
Daniel Clark	19
Joshua Bryen	1
Ali Bray	did not bat
Andy Bray	did not bat
Michael James	did not bat
Luke Sage	did not bat
Thomas Cullen	did not bat
Laurence Ward	did not bat
Ryan Currie	did not bat
Extras	5
Total	129
(2 wickets, 35.5 overs)	

Bowlers

	0	M	R	W
Craig Spanton	8.5	2	29	0
Jack Bradley	3	0	26	0
Matthew van Poppel	9	1	29	0
Alan Amos	12	3	27	2
Craig Snell	3	0	14	0

KENT LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

Harvel 1st XI v Sibton Park 1st XI

SIBTON Park missed out on victory by three wickets in a winning draw against a battling Harvel side.

Andy Allon's 80 got Sibton off to a good start, but only George Leadbetter (30) and Ben Carberry (32) were able to support the innings.

With 194 to beat, all results were possible and Harvel started the run chase well with their openers quickly putting 100 on the board. However, once Leadbetter and Allon dismissed the pair, Harvel struggled and posted 182 for 7, to hang on for a draw.

Sibton Park

	Runs
George Leadbetter	30
Andy Allon	80
Jamie Keeler	3
Steve Hobbs	18
Ben Allon	2
Ben Carberry	32
Steve Hickmott	12
Steven Rowe	2
Tim Smith	3
Anthony Keeler	0
Trevor Lewis	0
Extras	12
Total	194
(9 wickets, 50 overs)	

Bowlers

	0	M	R	W
Desmond Bailey	12	0	36	1
Grant Rumbelow	6	0	35	0
Simon Jones	15	0	46	2
Daniel Walker	12	0	52	2
Robert McSweeney	4	0	16	2

Harvel

	Runs
Dushantha Ranatunga	65
David Walker	39
Benjamin Phillips	15
Robert McSweeney	6
Dominic Saunders	14
Harry Ashdown	6
Daniel Walker	21
Joe Lawrence	0
Grant Rumbelow	7
Desmond Bailey	did not bat
Simon Jones	did not bat
Extras	7
Total	182
(7 wickets, 50 overs)	

Bowlers

	0	M	R	W
Steven Rowe	10	1	35	1
Trevor Lewis	10	2	22	0
Andy Allon	15	4	59	3
George Leadbetter	15	2	57	2

KENT LEAGUE DIVISION FOUR

Walmer 1st XI v Bromley Town 1st XI

AN UNBEATEN 88 from Andy Birkett helped Walmer claim a seven-wicket win as they edged closer to safety in Division Four.

Bromley Town were never allowed to settle, as their batsmen looked to set a promising total. Walmer's Barry Green and Mark Parnell were a constant threat taking six wickets between them, as the visitors slumped to 186 all out.

Walmer's batsmen were strong in reply with Birkett leading the way with a knock of 88. Walmer kept the scoreboard ticking over and completed the victory with overs to spare. The win moved Walmer two points adrift of safety.

Bromley Town

	Runs
David Scorer	35
William Goodyear	3
Danny Turano	20
Alex Taylor	37
Ian Ferrier	12
Thomas Smith	36
Jeremy Tiernan	10
Saikumar Chalasani	1
Stephen Slamon	0
Lee Reynolds	3
Joe Thomas-Bohl	5
Extras	24
Total	186
(all out, 49.1 overs)	

Bowlers

	0	M	R	W
Barry Green	15	3	59	4
Andrew Cotton	91	1	41	3
Mark Parnell	15	4	37	2
Peter Huntley	10	1	37	0

Walmer

	Runs
Martyr North	5
Jared Bond	19
Andy Birkett	88
Peter Morris	36
Mark Parnell	14
Joe Wilcox	did not bat
Martin Pearce	did not bat
Graeme North	did not bat
Andrew Cotton	did not bat
Barry Green	0
Peter Huntley	did not bat
Extras	25
Total	187
(3 wickets, 38.5 overs)	

Bowlers

	0	M	R	W
William Goodyear	11	0	48	0
David Scorer	5	0	23	1
Danny Turano	3	0	24	0
Alex Taylor	11	3	27	1
Joe Thomas-Bohl	6	1	33	1
Saikumar Chalasani	1.5	0	15	0
Jeremy Tiernan	1	0	4	0

SCOREBOARD

Hythe

	Runs
Jon Smith	66
Leon Morgan	30
Ben Dwyer	1
Dan Furnival	5
Hamish Morrison	24
Sam Butler	16
Oliver Morgan	6
Jamie Hemphrey	50
Richard Perkins	4
Jago Pearson	not bat
Patrick Owen	32
Extras	234
Total (7 wickets, 50 overs)	

Bowlers

	0	M	R	W
Mohsin Raza	7	3	17	0
James Rand	6	0	16	0
Liam Tegg	15	2	62	3
Daren Cooper	4	1	18	0
Craig Buckingham	12	0	46	2
Matthew Lincoln	6	0	49	1

Ashford Town

	Runs
Matthew Lincoln	87
Liam Tegg	26
Shannon Fattore	72
Stuart Paine	36
Peter Shields	not out
Simon Taylor	not bat
Craig Buckingham	not bat
Gavin Hope	not bat
Daren Cooper	not bat
James Rand	not bat
Mohsin Raza	not bat
Extras (2b 3lb 8w)	13
Total (3 wickets, 47 overs)	237

Bowlers

	0	M	R	W
Jamie Hemphrey	4	0	32	0
Ben Dwyer	5	0	24	0
Patrick Owen	5	0	22	0
Hamish Morrison	10	0	49	2
Jago Pearson	15	1	57	0
Dan Furnival	8	0	38</	

Bank Holiday brace for in-form Invicta



WINNER: Michael Yanni netted a stoppage time goal



FOLKESTONE Invicta's superb start to the season continued with two wins over the Bank Holiday weekend.

The Seasiders moved up to second in the early Ryman South table with a 1-0 win away to Burgess Hill Town on Monday.

Invicta looked a little lightweight without injured strikers Jimmy Dryden and Dave Cory and the game appeared to be heading for a goalless draw until Michael Yanni grabbed a winner in second half stoppage time.

Only goal difference separates Neil Cugley's side from the league summit ahead of their trip to Horsham YMCA this weekend.

On Saturday they took a break from the Ryman South, as they hosted AFC Hayes in the preliminary round of the FA Cup.

A goal from Jon Driscoll proved to be enough for the home side to secure a 1-0 win and a place in the next round of the competition.

FOOTBALL

Burgess Hill Town 0

Folkestone Invicta 1

Hythe Town secured their passage into the first qualifying round of the FA Cup with a 4-0 thrashing of Eastbourne Town.

Kieran Byrne opened the scoring for Hythe early in the first half before a second half hat-trick from Pat Kingwell completed a convincing win for Scott Porter's side.

Deal also secured their spot in the next round of the competition with a 4-1 win against Ringmer. Derek Hares' side scored all four goals in the first half.

A brace from Jason Brazier followed by goals from Mo Takaloo and Danny Smith wrapped up the win.

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By TONY HILLS, a keen beach and boat angler with 50 years' experience fishing Dungeness and District and vice-chairman of the Dungeness Angling Association



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Gills boss Mark Stimson plans a final bid for striker Chris Dickson



ON TARGET: Lee Browning netted Dover's second goal

FOOTBALL

■ BY TOM HOWARD

Dover Athletic 2

Moore 10, Browning 45



Welling United 0



DOVER Athletic completed a successful Bank Holiday weekend with a comfortable win against Welling United to maintain their impressive unbeaten start to the season.

Two first half goals from Sammy Moore and Lee Browning were enough to see off Andy Ford's Welling at Crabble and kept the Whites top of the Blue Square South on goal difference.

Dover boss Andy Hessenthaler was pleased with his side's performance in difficult conditions, but more importantly was happy to surpass the points target he set for the month.

He told Youdover: "Two games in three days was very difficult and it showed in the second half with the heat getting to both sides.

"We were not that exciting and neither was the game. We were never really in any trouble

and we defended much better than our last home game.

"We set a target of 15 points for August and we got 17 which is fantastic. We had targets for each month last year and we will keep

doing that and see where that takes us. Being top is a nice position to be in but nothing is won yet. The other teams in this league will have to try and knock us off."

On Saturday Dover extended their unbeaten run in the Blue Square South with a hard fought 2-1 win at Eastleigh.

The game started in an explosive fashion with three goals in the first 15 minutes. Frannie Collin opened the scoring by firing the ball into the net from a long throw by Olly Schulz.

Minutes later, the Whites grabbed a second goal via Collin to stun their opponents. Shaun Welford's cross was parried by Eastleigh goalkeeper Jason Matthews to Collin, who slammed the ball into the roof of the net.

Within a minute of Collin's strike, Eastleigh pulled a goal back, when Anthony Riviere chipped goalkeeper Lee Hook. Both sides continued to create chances, but the score remained 2-1 in Dover's favour at the break.

Tom Davis and Collin both wasted good opportunities to extend Dover's lead early in the second half as the game continued to be played at a high tempo.

Eastleigh were awarded a penalty on 67 minutes, but Hook managed to save the spot kick to preserve his side's lead. The home side hit the post late on, but Dover held on for another three points.

Dover travel to fifth-placed Havant & Waterlooville this Saturday, who have lost just one game so far this season.

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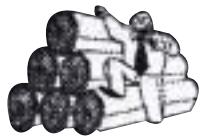
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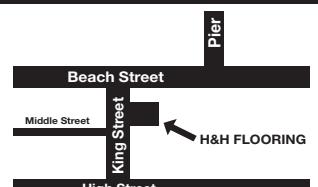


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Train to care for babies, children, young people, elderly people or adults with learning difficulties or disabilities to start your career in the rewarding health and social care sector.

- Higher Diploma in Society, Health and Development (Ashford/Dover)
- Health and Social Care NVQ 2 (Folkestone)
- Award/Certificate/Diploma in Child Care and Education CACHE (Folkestone)
- Children's Care, Learning and Development NVQ 2 (Folkestone)

Motor Vehicles, HGVs, Motorcycles

If you are fascinated by what's under the bonnet, love to remove and replace components or to repair and refinish vehicles then choose one of the following:

- Certificate in Light Vehicle Maintenance and Repair (Ashford/Dover)
- Certificate in Vehicle Refinishing/Body Repair (Ashford)
- Certificate in Motorcycle Maintenance and Repair (Dover)
- HGV Maintenance and Repair NVQ 2 (Ashford)

Engineering

Engineering represents fast-growing industries where you could be making, assembling and maintaining fast racing cars or maintaining railways, working on milling machines or circuits boards.

- Intermediate Certificate in Engineering and Technology (Ashford)
- Marine Engineering NVQ 2
- Construction Plant Maintenance NVQ 2

Computing and Technology

If you are fascinated by computers and programming, this is your area.

- First Diploma for I.C.T. Practitioners BTEC (Ashford)
- European Computer Driving Licence (ECDL) (Ashford/Dover/Folkestone)
- Certificate in Computer-Aided Design 2-D (Ashford/Folkestone)

Catering and Hospitality

Gain a qualification to work as a chef, barman, waiter or receptionist in restaurants, hotels, cruise ships etc.

- Food Preparation and Cooking NVQ 2 (Ashford/Folkestone)
- Food and Drink Service NVQ 2 (Folkestone)
- Multi-skilled Hospitality NVQ 2 (Folkestone)

Hairdressing and Beauty Therapy

A popular choice for those who enjoy working with people.

- Hairdressing NVQ 2 (Ashford/Dover/Folkestone)
- Beauty Therapy NVQ 2 (Ashford/Dover/Folkestone)
- Certificate in Nails Treatment (Folkestone)

Sports and Leisure

This is a growing industry worldwide with a large variety of careers in the public or private sector.

- First Diploma in Sports BTEC (Folkestone)
- Certificate in Gym Instructing (Folkestone)

Travel and Tourism

If you like holidays, faraway destinations and working with people, this is the area for you.

- Certificate in Travel and Tourism (Dover)

Working in the Police, Ambulance, Fire and other Public Services

If you want to help people in one of the many public services available, this is the course for you.

- First Diploma in Uniformed Public Services BTEC (Folkestone)

Higher Education Progression Diploma

An alternative route for young people who want to go on to university but haven't got the necessary grades to do A-Levels – or simply prefer a different approach.

To find out more about all the courses available for you, go to www.southkent.ac.uk or phone 0845 207 8220.

4 or more GCSEs?

Grade A-C

You can apply for a Level 3 course in one of the subject areas described below. Successful completion will give you a qualification equivalent to A-Levels that can help you progress onto employment or university.

Courses last 1 to 2 years and many are available as Advanced Apprenticeships.

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Accountancy, Business and Administration

- Accounting Intermediate NVQ 3
- Accounting in Payroll Administration NVQ 3
- Business Administration NVQ 3
- National Certificate in Business BTEC (Ashford)

Creative Studies: Art, Design, Music, Performing Arts, Media and Furniture

- National Diploma in Fine Art BTEC (Ashford)
- National Diploma in Graphic Design BTEC (Ashford)
- National Diploma in 3D Design BTEC (Ashford)
- National Diploma in Media (Film) BTEC (Folkestone)
- National Diploma in Music Technology BTEC (Folkestone)
- National Diploma in Photography BTEC (Ashford)
- National Diploma in Performing Arts BTEC (Folkestone)
- National Diploma in Fashion and Textiles BTEC (Ashford)
- Foundation Diploma in Art and Design BTEC (Ashford)
- Certificate in Furniture Restoration and Making (Folkestone)

Construction: Bricklaying, Woodwork, Plumbing, Electrical Installation, Painting and Decorating, Plastering

- National Award in Construction BTEC (Ashford)
- National Certificate in Building Studies BTEC (Ashford)
- Diploma in Painting and Decorating (Folkestone)
- Diplomas in Bricklaying / Plastering (Ashford)
- Certificate in Electro-Technical Technology (Ashford)

Caring for People and Young Children

- Advanced Diploma in Society, Health and Development (Ashford/Dover)
- Health and Social Care NVQ 3 (Folkestone)
- Award/Certificate/Diploma in Child Care and Education CACHE (Folkestone)
- Children's Care, Learning and Development NVQ 3 (Folkestone)
- National Certificate/Diploma in Health and Social Care BTEC (Ashford)

Motor Vehicles, HGVs, Motorcycles

- Diploma in Light Vehicle Maintenance and Repair (Ashford/Dover)
- Diploma in Vehicle Refinishing/Body Repair (Ashford)
- HGV Maintenance and Repair NVQ 3 (Ashford)

Engineering, Computing and Technology

- National Certificate in Electrical/Electronic Engineering BTEC (Ashford)
- National Certificate in Mechanical Engineering BTEC (Ashford)
- National Diploma in Engineering BTEC (Ashford)
- Construction Plant Maintenance NVQ 3
- Marine Engineering NVQ 3
- National Diploma for I.T. Practitioners BTEC (Ashford)
- Certificate in Computer-Aided Design 2D (Ashford)
- Certificate in Computer-Aided Design 3D (Ashford)

Catering and Hospitality

- Hospitality Supervision NVQ 3
- Professional Chef NVQ 3

Hairdressing and Beauty Therapy

- Hairdressing NVQ 3 (Folkestone)
- Beauty Therapy NVQ 3 (Ashford/Dover/Folkestone)
- Diploma in Complementary and Alternative Therapies (Folkestone)

Sports, Leisure and Tourism

- National Diploma in Sports and Exercise BTEC (Folkestone)
- Sports Therapy VTCT (Folkestone)
- National Certificate in Travel and Tourism BTEC (Dover)

Retail and Public Services

- Retail Operations NVQ 3
- National Certificate in Public Services BTEC (Folkestone)
- Logistics Operations Management NVQ 3
- Customer Service NVQ 3
- Contact Centre Operations NVQ 3

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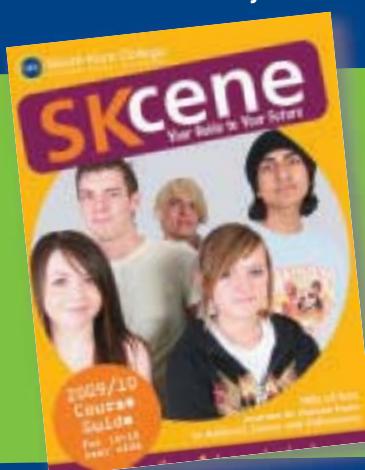
You may have already decided what course you are doing from September but if your GCSE results are unexpected, good or disappointing and you need or want to think again, then contact us and meet with one of our Education and Careers Guidance Advisers who will help you work out what is best for you. This service is free and impartial.



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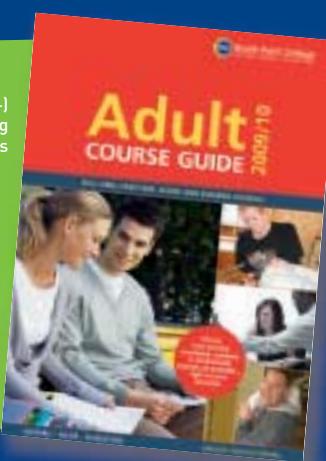
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